Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 06 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Forecast Issued on Thursday 05 Dec 2024 at 13:43

Confidence: High for unsettled and very windy conditions associated with Storm Darragh on Saturday, and for an improvement from Sunday onwards. However medium for the transitional detail and timing and location of the worst of the conditions.

Headline for Friday 06 Dec 2024: Dry and settled to start, turning increasingly wet and windy as Storm Darragh arrives through the afternoon and evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 06 Dec 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night	Sunny intervals	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	<05%	20%	70%	90%	90%	70%

Forecast for Friday 06 Dec 2024

Weather: A dry and bright start with cloud increasing from the west into the afternoon. Outbreaks of heavy and, at times, persistent rain moving eastwards through the afternoon and evening as Storm Darragh arrives. Light winds to start the day, but strengthening to gale-force into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 90% for much of the morning, decreasing to 20% through the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Some patchy cloud may briefly cover summits above 700m first thing, but cloud will lift and continue to break up by dawn. High cloud building and lowering into the afternoon, with widespread cloud around 500m by mid-afternoon, and dropping to 100-300m by the evening. Good visibility in the morning, but becoming poor or very poor in low cloud and heavy rain later.

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Forecast for Friday 06 Dec 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	25/33 NW	18/26 NW	15/22 W	8/12 W	11/15 S	25/33 S	33/44 S	36/49 SW	38/53 SW
300	12/26 NW	9/21 W	8/19 W	5/11 SW	7/14 S	11/25 S	21/41 S	23/45 SW	25/49 SW
Valley	10/25 NW	7/20 W	7/19 W	4/10 SW	5/13 S	8/20 S	15/36 S	19/42 SW	22/47 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	3/-3	3/-2	2/-3	2/-1	3/-1	3/-3	5/-2	8/3	7/0
300	6/2	4/1	4/1	4/2	6/4	5/2	7/2	10/6	9/4
Valley	6/3	5/2	4/2	4/2	7/5	6/4	7/4	11/7	9/5
Freezing Level*	1000m	800m	800m	800m	800m	1000m	2400m	2200m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

After a pleasant start to the day in the mountains, conditions will quickly deteriorate as Storm Darragh arrives from the west. Strong winds into the afternoon and evening will make for fairly arduous walking on exposed terrain with buffeting of clothing. Heavy and persistent rain will also lead to slippery surfaces and localised flooding of routes. The combination of strong winds, low cloud and rain will give a significant wind chill into the evening.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Thu 05 Dec 2024	27.6mm	29.2mm	29.4mm

Forecast for Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Weather: Storm Darragh continues to bring gale-force, at times storm-force, winds, with multiple weather warnings in force. Heavy and persistent rain continues through the morning, however becomes more showery with drier interludes into the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Westerly, becoming northwesterly, 40-50 mph with gusts of 50-60mph. Gusts of 70 mph possible at the summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 20% in the morning, but increasing to 90% into the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Overcast low cloud with bases 100-300m will persist through much of the morning. Cloud will gradually lift and break, with bases above all summits into the afternoon. Poor or very poor visibility initially in low cloud and heavy rain, but increasing through the afternoon, although briefly dropping to poor in any heavy showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 10 Celsius, decreasing through the day to Plus 6 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 7 Celsius, decreasing through the day to Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Freezing level between 800-1000m.

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